



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 27, 2005

### **S. 432**

### **Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation on April 14, 2005*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 432 would create a new grant program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) for educational institutions that serve minority students. Eligible institutions could use the funds to improve instructional capabilities and infrastructure related to digital and wireless technologies. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$250 million a year over the 2006-2010 period for this program and would require grant recipients to provide matching funds under certain conditions.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 432 would cost \$823 million over the 2006-2010 period. CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

S. 432 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 432 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will occur at rates similar to other NSF programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 250 (general science, space, and technology).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	250	250	250	250	250
Estimated Outlays	30	130	200	228	235

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 432 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would benefit eligible institutions of higher education by authorizing \$250 million per year, for fiscal years 2006 through 2010 to strengthen their capacity to provide instruction in digital network technologies. To the extent that public institutions apply for and receive these grants, any costs to state, local, or tribal governments would result from complying with the conditions of such grants.

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